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# STARS AND STRIPES **RAISED OVER NEGROS**

Natives of the Island Proclaim Allegiance.

Commissioners Reach Manila and Decision to Garrison Scaports in the Inform General Otis.

Further Details of Yesterday's Fighting-lasurgents Taught a Severe Lesson.

Manila, Feb. 21.-2:40 p. m.-The Stars and Stripes were voluntarily raised over Negros Island by the inhabitants after the capture of Heile by the Americans under General Miller.

Four native commissioners arrived here today to offer the allegiance of the inhabitants and claim American protection.

Yesterday noon General King adminis tered a salutary lesson to the insurgents who had been peppering away at his left night and day for a week past, with the result that at 6 o'clock last evening all was

General King sent two companies of the First California Infantry to clear out the enemy from the ravines between Guaduloope and San Pedro Macati, which they did effectually. In the meantime Captain Scott's battery of the Sixth Artiflery shelled the Guadaloupe church where a considerable body of insurgents had taken a stand. At the same time two companies of the First Washington Infantry routed a

large force of Filipines on the opposite mide of the river. Our losses were Private John P. Adams, of Company M, and Private A. Rinehart, of Company K. First Washington Infantry, killed, and two Californians wounded, number of the enemy slain was fully

fifty, twenty of their dead having been buried by our men this morning. James F. Cassidy, of Company K, First allfornia Infantry, was killed by a Filipi-California Infantry, was killed by a Filipi-

no sharpshooter while scouting this morn-The transport Newport arrived here last light from Hollo. She brings the news hat General Miller still helds Jaro and Molo, where there has been some skirminshing during the nights. The insurgents has a force of 2,000 men armed with holes at Santa Barbara.

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have a force of 2,000 men armed with bolos hold of Aguinaldo and a rendervous for his rebel forces in the Visayan group. It was from there that he embarked a num-ber of insurgents for the Island of Panay when Hollo was turned over to the natives he the North Comment.

by the Spanish forces. The island is mountainous and with the form of the morth to Palompan on the west, where the form point Balticalia on the morth to Palompan on the west, where The island is mountainous and wild, the

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The natives are a thrifty lot compared with the inhabitants of some of the other fedurds, and some of their methods are somewhat modern.

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The island is divided into Eastern and Western Provinces. The capital of the list-ter is Bacolod, a city with a population of 6.288, situated 327 miles from Manila, it was during Spanish rule in the island the Tesidence of the politice-military governor, secretary, judge, attorney general and several other public functionaries. The area of the province is 1.828 square miles and the total population of 84.82. Its capital is Dr.

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The Word "Office."

"It cannot be contended that every position held by a Member of Congress is devined to the constitution, even though the term office within the Congress is the Constitution, even though the term office within the Congress is the Constitution, even though the term office within the Co

The province of Eastern Negros contains a population of \$4.782. Its capital is Du-Bacoled. The city has a population of 13,-

# THE SOLACE REACHES MALTA vate Sampson and destroy Schley. As one Senator expressed it: "Schley has told the truth and the department, as well Join Dewey.

The Navy Department has been advised of the following movements of naval ves-

or Demerana' neads of Interestant on the proposition of given to Samp-must, in their opinion, be given to Samp-son, and Schley robbed of his reward. Schley's manly attitude will, in my opin-

#### OTIS' CASUALTY REPORT. Soldiers Killed and Wounded at Manils and Hoile.

The following dispatch was received this morning from General Otis, dated Manila.

Additional casualties, First Washington, wounded, February 19: Company L, Private Carlton Ellis, elbow; accidentally killed, February 20. Company K, Private Alton A, Heinhart; Company M, John F, Adams.

First California, wounded, February 20: Company L, Private Arthur Buld, thumb; John W, Parto, arm; Max W, Kruz, arm; Thomas C, Haley, thigh.

Pario, arm; Max v. Branz Baland, February Haley, thigh.
Casualthe near Bollo, Panaz Baland, February A: Eighteenth Infantry, killed, Company A: Corporal Robert S. Grigeby; wounded, Company A. Segreant Robert Jennings, thigh; Compony L. Corporal James H. Saunders, nipple. All wounds bony slight.

OTIS.

### RESUMING THE POISON INQUEST Mby Mrs. Rogers Rented a Private

New York, Feb. 21.-The Adams poison ing inquest was resumed at 11 o'clock this of 7 per cent. morning. David Murdock who rented the letter box to Mrs. Rogers was recalled to the stand. He repeated his story briefly of renting the box to Mrs. Rogers under the name of Addison.

Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Adams' daughter followed Murdock on the stand. In reply to a question Mrs. Rogers said she was Mary Cornish's cousin by marriage. She admit ted she had rented a letter box from Murdock under the name of Miss Addison, say-ing it was on account of her husband from whom she was shortly afterwards separated. She said that neither she nor Cornish had ever had any trouble with her mother. Arked if she could imagine why anyone should want to kill Cornish she said, "I cannot. I don't think you will find out d my mother by asking me ques-

'We cannot tell," said Attorney Osborne.

The Burlesque at Harrisburg. Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 21.-The vote in the joint ballot for Senator today resulted: Quay, 9; Jenks, 6; Dalzell, 1.

#### Appointed Postmaster. Edward R. Neff has been appointed postmaster at Rawlings, Allegheny county, Maryland, vice D. A. C. Porter, resigned.

Flynn's Business College, 8th and K. , shorthand, typewriting-\$25 a year.

TO SUCCEED JUDGE M'COMAS.

President McKinley Nominates H President McKinley today nominated

Harry M. Clabaugh, former Attorney General of Maryland, to succeed Judge Louis E. McComas, Senator-elect from Maryland, as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

# THE CABINET MEETING.

Philippines.

Secretary Hitchcock attended his first Cabinet meeting today. He was accompa nied to the White House from the Arlington by former Secretary Bliss, who, after introducing his successor to other membars of the Cabinet present withdrew Secretaries Long, Alger, and Wilson did not attend the meeting.

The dispatches received this morning from General Otis announcing the voluntary surrender of the Island of Negros, of the Visayan group, in the Philippine archilago, was read and the situation generally discussed. The President is much gratified at the turn events have taken, and believes that the insurrection is prac-Steps will be taken by the Administra-

"Adjutant General, Washington:

result of the conference had by him yes-terday with Senor Quesada, regarding the payment of Cuban troops. No difficulty is apprehended in that direction.

THE SAMPSON CONSPIRACY.

Admiral Schley's Reply to Secretary

as Sampson, has lied about him.

heads of interested bureaus all

upon the Admiral.

disprove in the minds of the people

all the criticisms Secretary Long has cast

It is now more than probable that the

Senate Committee on Naval Affairs will

Schler will have the vindication due him.

when once made public will show Schley to be the naval officer who is justly en-titled to all the honor of the Cuban cam-paign and Sampson entitled to the least

CAR TRUST INCORPORATED.

Company to Make and Sell Steel-

Built Apparatus.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 21.-The American

Car Company, with a capital stock of \$60,-

000,000 incorporated here this morning.

The company will manufacture and sell

steel cars and trucks and appliances.
The capital stock is divided into 600,000 shares at \$100 each. One half is preferred, bearing a yearly non-cumulative dividend

kin, F. L. Patton, Jr., and William H. Fain, all of Jersey City.

SERIOUS LOSSES BY FIRE.

Business Portion of Port Washing-

ton, Wis., Nearly Wiped Out.

Port Washington, Wis., Feb. 21.-Fire

broke out yesterday in the dry kiln of

the Wisconsin Chair Company, and almost

the entire business portion of the town

was destroyed. Thirty families were ren-dered homeless. Loss \$500,000.

Soldier Accidentally Shot Himself.

Harleigh, a discharged soldier of the regu-

lar army, is at the Pottsville Hospital suf-

fering from a gunshot wound. The wound

was received by the accidental discharge

of a 32-calibre revolver, which he carried. The bullet has been extracted, though the

Five Miners Killed by Dynamite.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 21.-A premature

explosion of a dynamite charge in mine
No. 2, of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and
Railroad Company, at Blocton, today, killgress to create high military and naval po-

ed five miners and fatally hurt two. All sitions without limit and for the Presiden

explosion of a dynamite charge in mine

Railroad Company, at Blocton, today, kill-

patient's condition is serious.

Pottsville, Feb. 21.-Joseph Coyle, of

incorporators are Adrian H. Lar

nator Gorman said today that the facts

as Sampson, has need about him.

Another Senator said: "The suppression of the Sampson dispatch of May 20, no matter by whom it was done, is a disgrace to the Navy Department, and in my opinion."

AFFAIRS SATISFACTORY IN

tain and improve present promising condition,

FOUR MEMBERS

**Judiciary Committee Reports** to the House.

Wheeler, Robbins, Colson, and Campbell to Go.

Chose Who Served on Commission Not Within the Meaning of the Constitution.

The House Committee on Judiciary today reported the following resolution which will doubtless result in the temper rary retirement, at least, of General Wheeler, and other representatives in Congress, who accepted and still hold commis sions in the United States Army:

THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

General Otis Reports Matters Well in Hand-General Miller

in Good Shape at Iloilo,

The following dispatch from General Otis was received at the War De-

General Miller reports, 19th instant, insurgent forces few miles out from

Hollo; believed to be disintegrating. Can maintain his position with present

force. Business in city being resumed. He has sent up four representative

men, officials from the capital of Island of Negros, where American flag

raised and American protection requested against small insurgent force in

island. Affairs there and in Cebu very encouraging. Shall endeavor to main-

to Secretary Long. Admiral Sampson, or the Navy Department in general. The re-sponse of Admiral Schley has proven to the satisfaction of many members of Congress that a determined conspiracy exists to ele-

'Affairs here quiet. Small insurgent force east of city driven away yes-

Resolved, That Joseph Wheeler, a Representa-tive in the Fifty-lifth Congress of the Unite-States from the Eighth district of the State 6

"Manila, February 21.

In its report on the Balley resolution, directing an investigation into this matter,

the committee says:

The part of the Constitution of the United States which must be considered

in discussing these important question is as follows:

No Schalors: Representative shall, during the time for which he was elected, by appointed the activity of the control of the c

Congress. It is a mark of distinction t be selected as members of excepts to those of our number who die: designations ar

made of committees to notify the Senat

and the President of certain matters. Th

no pretence will be made that they are

officers within the meaning of the Consti

him either legislative, executive, or jud

hear and determine, judicially, question

This involves necessarily the power i

"Therefore, mere power to investigat

some particular subject and report thereon

or to negotiate a treaty of peace, or

out power to make binding or

some commercial subject, and report with

nent, does not constitute a person a

"The duties of the various commissio

fact, they are mere agents appointed b direction of Congress for the purpose of gathering information and making recom-mendations for its use if the Congress see

fit to avail themselves of the labors of the

under the United States.
'In respect to visitors to the Military Academy, etc., the committee finds that those members of the House of Represen-

in the District of Columbia and appointed

by the Speaker of the House, are not, not are any of them, officers under the United States within the meaning of the Constitu-

Rendered Patriotic Services.

gress holding commissions in the army the

committee, while expressing the highest

respect for the gentlemen interested and fully appreciating the patriotic services rendered by them, considers it a duty to consider and report its findings of the law

and fact governing the cases, and reaches

the conclusion that a Representative in

Congress by accepting a commission in the

The committee continuing declares: "It is evident that it was the policy

Senators and Representatives in Congre

while remaining such from holding any

the framers of our Constitution to prohibit

fice under the United States, and no plain-er language to declare the purpose could

have been used than the words of the Con-

stitution, viz: 'No person holding any of-fice under the United States shall be a

ember of either House during his con-

"Without this constitutional restraint is

army vacates his office as Congressman.

Upon the subject of members of Con-

tatives appointed and designated as visit-

commission, and it is perfectly clear they are not persons holding any

an officer he must have conferred

cial power.

submitted.

"It has been held that these function

(the Senate confirming as a matter of course), and as the President is comman-der-in-chief of the Army and Navy, to thus concentrate all power in the hands of the Executive branch of the Government. These military legislators might increase the army, control the elections by the bayonet, and government by the people and for the people would end. Two printed lines in the Constitution of the United States has made all this impossible."

# HULL ARMY BILL TAKEN UP. Postoffice Appropriation Measur Passed by the Senate.

According to agreement, the Postoffice appropriation bill was voted on in the Senate today at 2 o'clock. Mr. Butler's pend ing amendment, reducing the amount appropriated for transportation of the mails by railroad was lost by a vote of 15 to 45. According to the agreement no other amendment could be offered and the bill was passed without a yea and nay vote. The Hull army reorganization bill was then laid before the Senate, and Mr. Hawley, Chairman of the Military Committee took the floor in support of the measure.

### EXTRA SESSION TALK. The Date Will Probably Be Monday,

March 20. Senator Cullom and Representative Grosvenor after returning to the Capitol from the White House this morning, where they had gone to consult with the President, said they felt convinced now that there would be an extra session of Congress.

The President, it is understood, will make the call on March 4, to assemble

n the District of Columbia was agreed to y the Senate this morning.

The resolution is as follows:

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Resolved by the Senute and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That \$55,000 is hereby appropriated, to be immediately available, one-half out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, and one-half out of the revenues of the District of Columbia, to enable the Commissioners of said District to provide for the proper eare of smallpox patients and to prevent the spread of smallpox patients and to prevent the spread of smallpox and other contagions diseases in said District, including a house-to-house inspection, and such compulsary varcination as may be deemed necessary by the Health Officer of said District, in assortiance with existing law and for other extraordinary emergencies.

# DECLINES TO BE INSTRUCTED.

to the legislature to instruct him in his vote on any subject.

He said that although the resolutions were received after the Treats was ratified, he was aware of its pessage before final action on the Treaty. Continuing, Mr. Pet-tigrew said that if he should follow the instructions of the South Dakota Legisla-ture, be would be compelled to vote on all ides of all questions.

### SEATS WITHOUT DESKS. Mensure Reported - aemodeling

Representative Heatwole, from the Committee on the remodeling of the hall of the Heure of Representatives. The plan adopted has been repeatedly described in the Heure of the present chamber to half its size, for the removal of desks, and the establishment of large reading and written removal of large reading and written removal. ment of large reading and writing rooms.

#### MR. QUAY CALLED TO ACCOUNT. Senator Atlen Charges Rim With Obstructing Several Bills.

A vigorous attack was made today in the Senate on Senator Quay, as chairman of mind will readily run over a list of many positions of trust and honor that are con-ferred upon members of Congress where the Committee on Public Buildings and that committee, and Mr. Allen enquired about several bills he was interested in, and which had been referred to the committee prior to the bills that were report-

He charged that there had been no meet ing of the committee, and that any bills that were not in the combination of which the Senator from Pennsylvania is the head had no alternative but to be buried forver in that Senator's secret closet

Mr. Quay replied denying any combina-ion, and declaring the charge as utterly nwarranted, unfounded and untrue. The sills on which the committee had reported this morning were acted on by a poll of the committee without a meeting. The bills had been introduced with that understanding, he continued, and if the Senator om Nebraska had been attending to the usiness of his constituents he would have ommunicated with the chatrman of the ers in question are not continuing or per-manent; they have no place of business for the public use, or even for their own use; mmittee. they give no bond and take no oath. In

Mr. Allen, in replying to this, denied the ight of Mr. Quay to instruct him in his luties and said he attended to the business of his constituents as well as Mr. Quay He did not think it ought to be necessary nd a committee to which was re ferred a bill. It was the duty of the committee to report the bill.

#### SUES THE PULLMAN COMPANY. Edward R. Wharton Alleges He Was

Robbed While a Passenger. to the Military Academy at West Point, to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and the regents and directors and consulting trusteer to the various public institutions Edward R. Wharton today through his attorneys, Berry & Minon, filed suit against the Pullman Palace Car Company for \$1, 500 damages for losses alleged to have been suffered while a passenger upon one of the defendant company's cars on November 21 1898, between Philadelphia and Washing

> He alleges that while asleep his personal effects, consisting of a gold watch and jew-elry and money were stolen from him be-cause of lack of vigilance of the employer of the defendant company.

> Newport News, Va., Feb. 21.-The Brit sh steamship Indrani. Captain Gillies. which arrived yesterday from Glasgow, ten days overdue, bore evidence of an encounter with terrific gales. The ship sailed from Glasgow, January 25, in ballast to load cargo at this port. She had not ventured very far out to sea before southwest gales struck her and made it exceedingly unpleasant all the way over. The catt, pens on the upper deck were washed awa and one lifeboat was carried away. ship encountered ice in the North Atlan-tic. The Indrani will have her cattle pens repaired here and will load general carg

Steamer's Shaft Broken at Sea. Baltimore, Feb. 21.-The Norwegian teamer Stalheim, which arrived at Sparrows Point yesterday from Cuba, has her shaft broken. Forty miles down the bay working in the room where the ex-on occurred. The names are not yet on occurred. The names are not yet on. Senators and Representatives in Congress damage. She was towed up.

# canism in France.

Colonel William H. Powell on the Witness Stand.

Examined at Great Length by Recorder Davis.

Col. Albert G. Smith and Others Tes tify Concerning Rations Furnished the Army.

The Court of Enquiry to investigate the charges made against army beef by General Miles convened at 10 o'clock this morning. Colonel Davis, Recorder of the Court, conducted the examination of the witnesses, though now and then direct and pertinent questions were asked by the members of the Court.

The first witness was Col. William H. Powell, of the Ninth Infantry, who stated that his regiment was stationed at Madison Barracks at the outbreak of the war.

He further said; "I received orders to leave for Tampa, and the Ninth Infantry moved immediately, carrying its own rations. After having been in camp for a few days we required our regimental quartermaster to buy fresh Congress on the 20th of March, thus giving the usual fifteen days' notice for members to reach the Capital.

TO STOP THE CONTAGION.

Our regimental quartermaster to buy fresh
theef for the men. I was ordered to put the
regiment on board ship, and we received
ten days' travel rations. I was then ordered before a retiring board and left behind at Tampa. Later I went to Santlago remark Agrees to a Joint Resolution
Appropriating \$50,000.

A joint resolution providing \$50,000 to arrevent the spread of contagious diseases a the District of Columbia was arread to

for proper food. Some asked for money to buy food. They had some travel rations and bacon that was not smoked.

Canned Roast Becf.

"I had a can of roast beef on my table, but I could not eat it. It was in appearance a mushy, stringy mess and to eat it.

Was like eating seaweed. One hundred and thirty eight men in the regiment were sick. When we were removed to the hills refrigerated beef was issued, but several issues had to be thrown away or buried. When the commissary officer could get meat in the early morning it could be made use of, but if the issue was made in the afternoon which was usually the case, it could not be used. When the regiment left for the North, I had the option of carrying travel rations or letting the attention between the latter plan. Reaching Montauk Point, we were detained, having had some cases of yellow fever on board."

In anti-Loubet manifestations have been largely artificial and were worked up by subsidies of beer and money. In fact, manifestations worthy the name were substantions worthy the name were sent only a few points. An instance was and the station, where there was much hooting and the Potomas River is rising. A rise of three feet is reported. The tee has not yet broken on the river, but is breaking and gorging on Wills Creek, a tributary. The reports from Harper's Ferry are not alarming, in that these state no change in the crowd, which was without leaders, the river conditions. The work of breaking up the lee in the Potomas cili conditions. The work of breaking and gorging on Wills Creek, a tributary. The reports from Harper's Ferry are not alarming, in that these state no change is the crowd, which was without leaders, the river conditions. The work of breaking and gorging on Wills Creek, a tributary. The reports from Harper's Ferry are not alarming, in that these state no change is not as high as it was a week ago, be rived to the life of the state of the creek of the storm bearing and the Potomas of Wills Creek, a tributary of the Libre Parole, the creek of the wee

Senator Pettigrew Comments Upon
Advice From Soath Dakota.

Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota, after presenting resolutions requesting him to vote for the ratification of the Treaty of Peace between the United States and Spain, made some very caustic remarks in regard to the legislature to instruct him in his vote on any subject.

He said that subouse, the resolutions for the ratification of the properties of the regular army assume that their officers are doing the best that can be done. He made no report of the condition as found until called upon to do so. In answer to a guestion as to whether a bulletin of Loubet's election was posted.

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A story is vold of President Loubet when a hoty is related from Georgetown to so. In answer to a question as to whether so. In answer to a question as to whether he had made any formal complaint as to the character of the refrigerated beef dur-ing his stay at Santiago, Colonel Powell re-plied. My commissary sergeant com-plained to me that the beef was not fit to eat. Some of it was much discolored part was buried. Sometime the discolored part was cut a said sweet meat was found was culath." Many Men Siek.

Colonel Davis asked if, when food for soldiers is unfit, some effort should not be made to replace it, and Colonel Powell attree on Ventilation and Acoustics, this replied "Yes; in time of peace." When norning submitted the report of his com-

pearance of the canned roast beef.

Colonel Powell could not tell what proportion the number of cans of decomposed beef bore to the whole number opened. He testified that the refrigerated beef tasted to him of ether, or chloroform, or some-thing of that kind. He had formed this opinion about refrigerated beef not during the late war, but several years ago when of M. Faure yesterday. he was stationed in Arizona.

#### Colouel Smith Testifies. The second witness was Colonel Albert

G. Smith, of the Thirteenth Infantry. He testified that the refrigerated beef issued to his men was good except on one occas-ion, when it had inadvertently been too ong exposed to the sun. At 1:10 o'clock the Court took a recess for half an hour. At that time Capt. J. M.

#### SUIT FOR AN ACCOUNTING. Litigation Follows an Extensive Real Estate Deal.

an. Twenty-first Infantry, was on the

David M. Lea, through his attorneys Padgett & Forrest, today filed sult against Thomas H. Pickford and John H. Walters, asking for an accounting and discovery.

The suit is the outcome of a real estate deal which took place in 1895, and in which all the parties to the sult are interested.

It is stated that there were two separate transactions, one in connection with certain lots at Seventeenth and R Streets northwest and another covering the whole of square No. 913, bounded by F and G and Eighth and Ninth Streets northeast. on the first piece of property, Mr. Lea states, the loans amounted to \$46,500, and on the property in the northeast section about \$136,500, of which latter amount \$40,000 represents claims held against Lea personally for material purchased in his name for the building and construction

Ridgefield Park, N. J., Feb. 21.-A freight rain was wrecked here on the West Shore Railroad early this morning, a broker ruck being the cause. Two brakemen were njured and a tramp killed.

### Flames in Princeton, N. J. Princeton, N. J., Feb. 21 .- A fire that did nore damage than any in the history of this town started early this morning in Swart's drug store. The flames spread to the First National Bank, which was nearly

lestroved. The loss is about \$40,000. A Child Burned to Death. Columbus, Ind., Feb. 21.-The home of Adam Shicoman burned yesterday. Mrs. Shieoman went across the street locking her two children in the house. She saved one two years old, who was slightly burn-

ed. The other, a girl about four years old,

A Deceased Rothschild's Estate.

### PRESIDENT LOUBET'S MESSAGE. Pledge of Devotion to Republi-

Paris, Feb. 21.—President Loubet's message to Parliament was sent to both houses at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. The text of the document is as follows:

"Called to the chief magistracy of the republic I have need for the accomplish-ment of my great duties of the co-operation of the senate and chamber of deputies. ask it of you and am sure that it will not be lacking. You can gentlemen, rely upon my firm resolution to devote all of my ef-forts to the maintenance of the constitution. I pledge you my unalterable devotion to the republic.

to the republic.
"The regular transmission of powers in a few hours after the shocking death of our beloved and lamented President Faure is a new proof in the eyes of the world of the loyalty of France to the Republic at a moment when a few sgitators are seeking to uproof the confidence of the country in its institutions. The National Assembly has shown clearly in its session on February 18 its desire to achieve particular and to re-establish firmly a last ing union of all Republicans who are pas-

sionately attached to the principles of the French Revolution and free institutions. "My chief aim will be to aid Parliament in its necessary task to secure toleran and concord throughout the temporary diffi-culties through which we are now passing. France, thanks to the sangfroid, dignity. and patrictism of Parliament, has grown in the world's esteem. Why not hope that the same good understanding will be es-tablished in our domestic affairs? Does not this good understanding already prevail in the country.

#### TUMULTS IN PARIS TRIVIAL. Editor Drumont, With His Staff,

Makes a Demonstration.

London, Peb. 21.-Your correspondent who has just returned from rares to the vinced that with the exercise of ordinary it.

No further fears are anticipated at WilNo further fears are in the Potomac Rivmaintain the stability of the government. The anti-Loubet manifestations have been

# IN MEMORY OF FAURE.

Religious Services to Be Reld at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

M. Tmeupaut, the French Charge d'Affaires, has notified the State Department that the Embassy has arranged to have a religious service at St. Matthew's Roman

o clock at the first the date fixed for the funeral services in Paris.

The Secretary was requested to extend invitations to the President of the United States, the members of the Cabinet, Con-

day of President Faure's death, shall ex-tend to March 17, and that in the interim there shall be no dinners, fetes, or other from the Sashatchewan Valley, The Bourse, commercial exchanges, schools, and public offices will be clo

on Thursday, the day of the funeral of M.

# UNWELCOME CALLERS.

London's Lord Mayor Weary of Intruders at Social Functions. London, Feb. 21.-A lock is to be put on the doors of the Mansion House by the dicated on the Atlantic Coast. Lord Mayor, who is indignant over the large number of uninvited guests swarm to all social functions, lured by tea, coffee, and cakes. His private secretary has been notified to take steps to keep them out hereafter.

#### ENGLISH STATESMEN ANGRY. Want Concessions In Disputes Concerning Alaska.

London, Feb. 21. English statesmen are indignant over the refusal of the United States to make concessions in the Alaskan boundary dispute under consideration by It is proposed that in view of this Eng-land should insist on the strict observance of the letter in the Clayton-Bulwer treaty the railway to carry freight.

# OVERAWED BY THE BRITISH. The Sultan of Oman Withdraws a

Concession to France. Bombay, Feb. 21.—The Sultan of Oman

withdrawing the concession and the French consul at Muscat has made a formal pro-test against the Sultan's action.

Washington this morning from Buffalo at

sued by England and America relative to the establishment of an open door in China.

#### Petitions for a Divorce. Mrs. Nora McIntire today filed a petition

London, Feb. 21.—The estate of the late Ferdinand James De Rothschild is found to be valued at £1,488,128.

False Reports in a London Paper. London, Feb. 21.—The "Echo" publishes a report that the American troops have met with a reverse at Manila.

for divorce from her husband, Elwood W. McIntire, alleging desertion as the ground for action. The parties were married in 1894, and lived together is stationed at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, and he saw Allen come through the depot and go in the direction of the grant her the custody of her child, Paul E. T. McIntire.

It is alleged to have stolen the watch last night and a general alarm was sent to all of the police stations. Brown in this city until 1897, when, Mrs. McIntire is stationed at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, and he saw Allen come through the depot and go in the direction of the grant her the custody of her child, Paul E. T. McIntire.

# ICE IN THE RIVER MELTING RAPIDLY

# Yielding to High Temperature and Humidity.

Reports From Various Points Along the Potomac.

Clearing the Channel From Alexandrin to Georgetown-Bladense burg Roadways Submerged.

While there is no immediate danger of the low lying sections of the city being submerged by a sudden rush of flood water from the upper Potomac, it is acknowledged that the ice in the river is melting rapidly, and no one may say how soon the vast frozen space may yield and bring disaster to the District.

The temperature is high all along the upper Potomac today, rain is predicted, and the atmosphere is humid. This in itself is The ice on the upper Potomac and Shen-

andoah Rivers is gradually yielding and may give way at any hour.
At Great Falls the situation rema-

changed. changed.

There are breaks in the ice at and above the Point of Rocks and each break is like unto a loose rivet in the strength of a bridge. The ice may start at any moment. who has just returned from Paris is con- and when it does it will awamp all before

er. The ice is still on the river and the snow is still on the ice. The water today

the mountain banks of the Potomac into oozing watersheds. The deep snew that was is now slush and water and these are rapidly honeycombing the ice. The power of running water, when that water falls from a height is great. Greater than the ice of the river, and the ice of the river must give way to it.

There are two days of warm weather to sight. What will be the effect of these danger and plenty of it, even though it may not be immediate. The thaw has been gradual for many days and even the grad-nal thaw has weakened the los. The Weather Bureau will post balletius

The weather conditions and general forecast state that unsettled weather prevails east of the Rocky Mountains, owing to the generally low pressure, and during Monday Colonel Powell said that he made his first report of the state of affairs when called upon by the War Department about the ist of October. He then described the appearance of the cannel roast beef.

Dended for a Month.

Paris. Feb. 21.—The cabinet has decided that in the official world the period of mourning which began on Pebruary 17, the list of October. He then described the appearance of the cannel roast beef.

Colonel Powell and that he made his first report of the state of affairs when called that in the official world the period of mourning which began on Pebruary 17, the day of President Faure's death about the temperatures have remained bight.

In the plateau region and on the Pacific Bourse, commercial exchanges, s, and public offices will be closed ursday, the day of the funeral of M. States northeastward except in Texas and persons viewed the body. also on Wednesday, except in the Gulf States and lower Ohio Valley.

### Fresh to brisk southerly winds are in-RAILWAY PROJECT APPROVED. Maryland and Suburban Line Likely

during Wednesday.

to Enter Washington. The District Commissioners will seen re port to the chairmen of the two District committees in Congress on House Bill No. 11558 and Senate Bill No. 5302, which propose an extension of the Maryland and Suborban Railway Company into the District of Columbia, thus giving that corpora-

tron an entrance into the National Capital. Commissioner Beach, who has prepared a report, recommends that the medited draft of the bill be reported to Congress as better than the original bill and

### DEATH OF GEORGE A. BIRCH. Georgetown Loses One of Its

Prominent Citizens. George A. Birch, the senior member of has revoked his concession of a coaling the undertaking firm of Joseph Sirch's station to the French under the threat of Sons, died yesterday afternoon at his late the British admiral to bombard the forts home, 3634 M Street, after a lingering illners. Throat trouble of long standing was The Sultan has posted a proclamation the cause of death. The decensed was a man of prominence in Georgetown. He had held Masonic offices of importance and had been interested in all public movements LORD BERESFORD'S ARRIVAL.

To Confer With This Government
Regarding the Policy in China.

Lord Charles Beresford arrived in

Weshington this marries from Buffelo.

Mr. Birch was a man of remarkable.

Mr. Birch was a man of remarkable Washington this morning from Buffalo at 1:45 o'clock over the Pennsylvania Railroad, accompanied by his secretary, Robin Gray. He was driven at once to the Shoreham, where he had already engaged a suite of rooms.

Lord Beresford will endeavor while here to reach some understanding with this Government regarding the policy to be purgonal by Evaluating and America relative to "samements have not been completed."

Charged With Stealing a Watch. Detective Sam Brown arrested Frank Allen, a member of the Marine Corps, this morning for the larceny of a watch, valued for divorce from her husband, Elwood W. at \$50. Alien is alleged to have stolen the